

# Log Hill Mesa Fire Protection District Annual Review 2025 Year in Review

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***“Protectors of the Hill”***

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## Chief's Message

Having completed 2025, I am excited to report on some of the activities and accomplishments that Log Hill Mesa Fire Protection District has completed. We focused our efforts this year on training our team, fostering camaraderie, and strengthening our structure within. Our volunteers once again logged an amazing amount of hours training towards protecting our community and improving our District. We continued our efforts to create a stronger, safer command structure for incidents. Also, Log Hill Fire was shown an amazing amount of support from our community this past year as we were fortunate to receive several donations as well as grants from both the Woman's Club of Ouray County, the Ouray County Community Foundation, and the State of Colorado which was used to expand our rescue capabilities and upgrade our personal protective equipment. We also received donations from other department's as well with the addition of several 800mHz radios, a reduced cost on a vehicle, and a vehicle utility rack system. These items being donated saved the District thousands of dollars.

In closing, it's imperative to note that the aforementioned things were made possible only through the unwavering dedication of our District's volunteers, devotedness from my officers, and immense support from our Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

*William Martindale*

William Martindale, Fire Chief

Log Hill Mesa Fire Protection District

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## Incident Response

2025 finished with an increase, more than double, in call volume for Log Hill Mesa Fire Protection District as far as incident response goes with a total of twenty-eight (28) calls for service. With over (187) volunteer responses resulting in over 39 hours of response time accumulated for the year, our average number of volunteers responding to any given incident remained at seven (7) volunteers per incident - the same as the previous year. Incidents were most common to occur on Mondays, 25%, in 2025 with the origination equally split between Station 1 & 2's response area at fourteen (14) each and of all the calls 50% of them were fire alarms/ smoke detectors. The most notable of which was a wildland fire on Mollys Way in which a brush fire that occurred during "red flag" conditions due to very high winds, low humidities, and warm temperatures was contained to only 2 acres - this fire had all the makings of a much larger, "historical" fire.





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## Training

We had another very successful year with training and logged over 2,330 hours of training. These hours included things such as our bi-monthly fire trainings, apparatus and equipment checks, certification courses, new firefighter orientations, and many other break out trainings between individuals. Some of the major training accomplishments included:

- CPR First-Aid training
- Emergency vehicle driving operations
- Hazmat Operations certification (x3 firefighters)
- Extrication training
- New firefighter orientation (x4 firefighters)



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## Fleet

Fleet remained *busy*, continuing to catch up on overdue maintenance on the apparatus over the year. Thanks to some very dedicated volunteers though a lot of items were repaired in-house which undoubtedly saved a lot of expense. A new maintenance program, PS Trax, was launched and has allowed for better record management and quicker repairs on items requiring attention. We had no major, unexpected mechanical issues with any of our apparatus. The District did purchase a new light-duty pickup which allowed us to retrofit and add Rescue 1321 to our operations.



## Stations

The only major projects accomplished for 2025 were the addition of an awning overtop the entryway door at Station 1 and the emergency generator at Station 2 went through extensive repairs and maintenance.



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## **Finances**

As in years past, our main source of revenue is from monies collected from tax revenue using our mill levy of 3.98 mills. Also similar to years past, our main expenditure remains costs associated with personnel. The District was able to save substantially from grants and donated equipment once again for 2025. A major grant from the State of Colorado DFPC was awarded for over \$18,000 to go towards structural firefighting gear and donated equipment (radios, vehicle equipment, and reduced vehicle cost) had a value of over \$17,000. In conjunction with the previously mentioned, the District collected just over 12% more in revenue than budgeted and came in under budget in most categories which helped us retain and add nearly 13% of our budget into financial reserves.

## **Membership**

A special thanks to all of our volunteers! They remain our greatest resource, their efforts benefit our District as well as the community in many ways. Over the past year our membership has remained average with four (4) additions and six (6) attritions, one due to retirement and two due to moving from the area, as we averaged twenty-two (22) volunteer firefighters on our roster throughout the year. Our command structure remained the same as the previous year as the Company Officers put in an unprecedented amount of time and effort to ensure the District remained running efficiently.

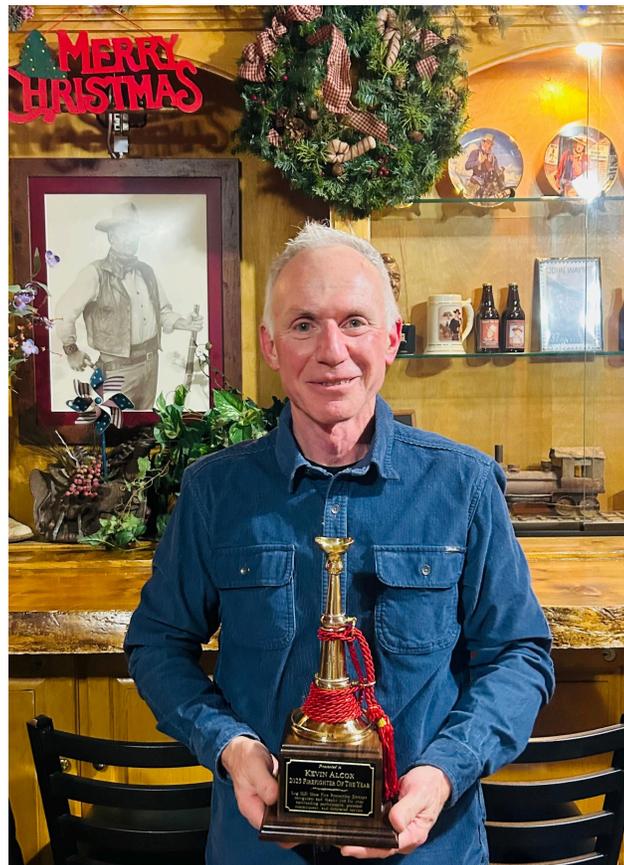
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## Firefighter of the Year

2025 Firefighter of the Year is Captain Kevin Alcox. His unparalleled dedication and support to our District has been exemplary.

## Citizen of the Year

2025 Citizen of the Year is to be awarded to Jason Mullins. His early notification and actions assisting the District with firefighting efforts during the Mollys Way fire were above and beyond.





## 2025 Board of Directors

Log Hill Mesa Fire Protection District is governed by a citizen elected Board of Directors that consists of five (5) citizens that reside within our District's boundaries.

### *Thank You*

For your dedication, management, and support of our District's operations!

Rick Jones, Board Chair

Dennis Michaud, Treasurer

Austin Ray, Director

Daryl Gardner, Director

Jeff Whitney, Vice Chair

